

NEW MEXICO  
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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS  
2005 PROSPECTIVE  
PLANTINGS

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MARCH 2005 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS covers the results of the MARCH AGRICULTURAL SURVEY conducted the first week of March. Data users are reminded that this report includes INTENTIONS to plant for all purposes. Actual acreage planted may vary. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,

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Director

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

NEW MEXICO: Corn growers intend to plant 120,000 acres of corn for all purposes in 2005, down 4 percent from 2004. Sorghum is expected to hold at 140,000 planted acres. Winter wheat planted acreage is also unchanged in 2005, at 490,000 acres. Peanut intended plantings are up 6 percent to 18,000 acres. Upland cotton producers intend to plant 2,000 more acres for a total of 70,000 acres. Pima cotton acreage is expected to be down 6 percent this year to 10,000 acres. All hay to be harvested intentions are estimated at 330,000 acres for 2005.

UNITED STATES: Corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 81.4 million acres, up 1 percent from 2004 and 4 percent above 2003. If realized, this would be largest corn acreage since 1985. Expected acreage is up from last year throughout much of the Corn Belt and southern Great Plains. All wheat planted area is expected to total 58.6 million acres in 2005, down 2 percent from 2004. All cotton plantings for 2005 are expected to total 13.8 million acres, 1 percent above last year. Upland acreage is expected to total 13.5 million acres, also up 1 percent. American-Pima cotton growers intend to increase their plantings 10 percent from 2004, to 275,000 acres. Peanut producers intend to plant 1.60 million acres of peanuts in 2005, up 12 percent

from last year. The 2005 intended sorghum area planted for all purposes is estimated at 7.40 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. Hay producers expect to harvest 62.9 million acres of all hay in 2005, up 2 percent from last year.

Crop Summary, Acres Planted, New Mexico and U.S., 2003-2005

	New Mexico				United States			
	2003	2004	2005 <sup>1/</sup>	2005/2004	2003	2004	2005 <sup>1/</sup>	2005/2004
	-----1,000 Acres-----		--Percent--		-----1,000 Acres-----		--Percent--	
Corn	130	125	120	96	78,603	80,930	81,413	101
Sorghum	140	140	140	100	9,420	7,486	7,400	99
Oats	---	---	---	---	4,597	4,085	4,267	104
Barley	---	---	---	---	5,348	4,527	3,974	88
All Wheat	500	490	490	100	62,141	59,674	58,592	98
Winter	500	490	490	100	45,384	43,350	41,613	96
Other Spring	---	---	---	---	13,842	13,763	14,371	104
Soybeans	---	---	---	---	73,404	75,208	73,910	98
Peanuts	18.0	17.0	18.0	106	1,344.0	1,430.0	1,597.0	112
All Cotton	59.1	78.6	80.0	102	13,479.6	13,658.6	13,815.0	101
Upland	53.0	68.0	70.0	103	13,301.0	13,409.0	13,540.0	101
A-P	6.1	10.6	10.0	94	178.6	249.6	275.0	110
All Hay <sup>2/</sup>	300	330	330	100	63,383	61,916	62,940	102

<sup>1/</sup> Intended plantings in 2005 as indicated by reports from farmers. <sup>2/</sup> Intended area harvested in 2005 as indicated by reports from farmers.